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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Coin Week
April 17-23, 1977

WHEREAS, Coins and currency form a universal part of the lives of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, The American Numismatic Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1891 and chartered by a special Act of Congress in 1912, is observing the week of April 17-23, 1977, as "National Coin Week"; and

WHEREAS, The members of this and kindred associations encourage and promote educational and fraternal relations and foster the interests of young and old in a subject that is entertaining and instructive as well as valuable in encouraging thrift;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 1977, as

COIN WEEK

in Maryland, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 4th Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven.

By the Governor:

Secretary of State





MARVIN MANDEL
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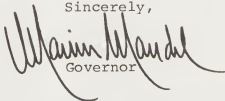
MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL

As always, it is a genuine pleasure to extend greetings to the Maryland State Numismatic Association and to welcome you to your 5th annual convention.

Each year many Marylanders discover the rewarding hobby of coin collecting, and I am pleased to see this pleasurable activity continue to grow in popularity in our State.

I congratulate the Maryland State Numismatic Association and send to each of you my best wishes for a successful meeting.

Sincerely,


Governor

1977

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CONVENTION AND SHOW PROGRAM

SATURDAY

April 16

10:00 AM Coin Show opens with Mayor Le Roy Conaway of
Westminster cutting ribbon

2:00 PM Canadian Token Seminar led by Barry Tayman
(Upstairs Meeting Room)

SUNDAY

April 17

9:00 AM Annual Awards Breakfast (For members, exhibitors and
dealers) at Baugher's Restaurant--West Main St., and
Route 31.
Master of Ceremonies- President Wm. Lenz, Jr.
Speaker- Mr. George Hatie

10:00 AM Bourse and exhibits reopen

11:00 AM Tokens and Medals Seminar led by John B. Henry
(Upstairs Meeting Room)

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Paper Money Seminar led by Mr. George Hatie
(Upstairs Meeting Room)

2:00 PM M.S.N.A. Annual Business Meeting
President Lenz and other officers report to
membership. Annual business conducted
(Upstairs Meeting Room)

5:00 PM Grand Prize Drawing

6:00 PM Bourse and exhibits close..

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MSNA and the Carroll County Coin Club thank you for
attending this Fifth Annual MSNA Convention and Show..
We hope that you have enjoyed the show, meetings and bourse.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We welcome all of you to the Fifth Annual Convention. We encourage all of you to attend it and take advantage of the Bourse, Exhibits, many meetings, and the Sunday Morning Awards Breakfast that Mr. George D. Hatie will speak at. The entire convention is open to the public as well as M.S.N.A. Members. Westminster is only a short pleasant drive from so many points in Maryland and Pennsylvania so why not fill up your car with family and friends and spend one or two days with us. Many signs will show the way once you get to Westminster.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. George Hatie of Detroit, Michigan for taking time from his very busy schedule to attend our convention and being our convention speaker. We believe that all who hear him will experience an enjoyable and profitable experience.

We also wish to thank all who contributed so much time and effort in putting together this years convention and show.

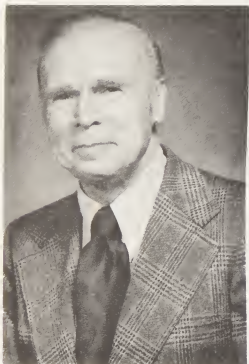
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of being elected President of M.S.N.A. for 1977. We will endeavor, this year, to broaden the scope and activity of M.S.N.A. on the local club level by better communication with and participation of the area and club representatives. We are asking for support from each club and individual member in helping us to obtain this goal.

The clubs can be a big help by chosing a club representative to M.S.N.A., if they have not as yet. Then supply the name, address, and phone number of this representative to the Secretary so he can communicate directly with this representative when the occasion calls for it. Many times notice of meetings are not received in time by going through the club.

We are sorry the January Issue of the Maryland Numismatist did not get out. Many problems hit at the same time finding a new Editor, change in officers, severe weather conditions closing printers and finding a new printer who could handle our requirements. These problems are now solved and you should miss no more issues.

I hope to see you all at the Convention April 16th and 17th, Westminster Armory, directly behing the Post Office at Main and Lonwell in Westminster, and hope you and your friends enjoy themselves at it.

William A. Guffy



GEORGE D. HATIE

TO BE OUR

BREAKFAST SPEAKER

George D. Hatie is a Detroit corporation attorney. He has served ANA as Vice President (1973-1975), as a member of the Board of Governors (1967-1975), as legal counsel (1965-1969), as a chairman or member of sixteen different committees, and as the author of articles published in The Numismatist. He has been President of six numismatic organizations, viz., Token and Medal Society, Central States Numismatic Society, Michigan State Numismatic Society, Detroit Coin Club, Grosse Pointe Numismatic Society, and Lake Erie Exonumist Society. His activities include service as President of Michigan Humane Society, as a member of the Boards of Trustees of National Kidney Foundation, Kidney Foundation of Michigan, and Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit, and as a member of the 1975 Assay Commission.

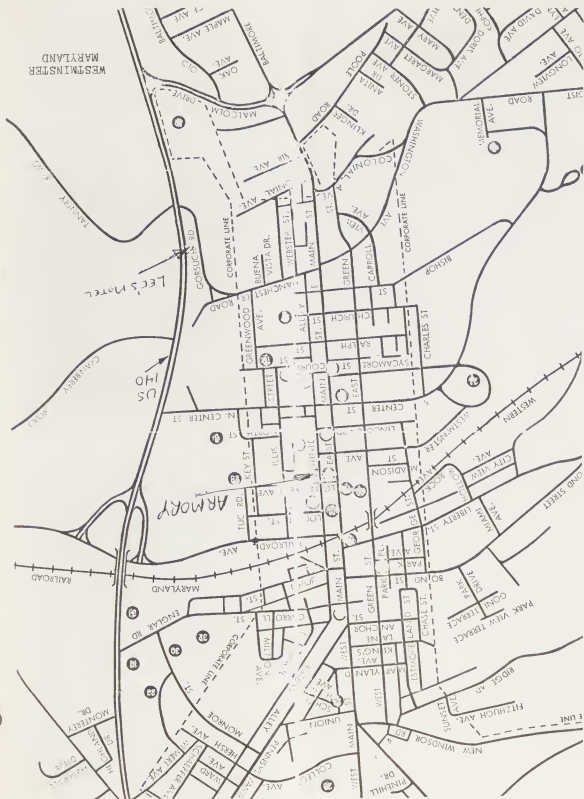


JOHN B. HENRY

Will lead the seminar on TOKENS AND MEDALS Sunday Morning.

All Collectors are invited to both Seminars, whether you are M.S.N.A. members or not. This is true of the Paper Money Seminar as well.

John B. Henry, A.N.A., M.S.N.A.,
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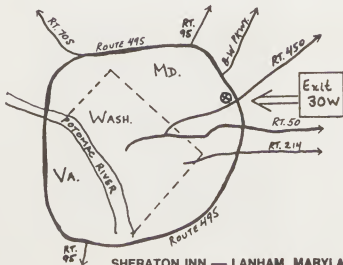
Friday: Registration — 10 A.M. Bourse Closes — 8 P.M.

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HELP ! !

MSNA is in need of a storage area to keep our display cases, of which there
are 10, and the extension cords used in convention activities. These items
are currently being stored by Walter Wheeler but Walt is contemplating moving
and we must find a new storage area for our equipment. If anyone can
accommodate them would you please contact President Lenz.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Our 1977 Convention and Show held in Westminster was quite successful. From this affair we have proved that with hard work and excellent publicity a Convention can be held in an outlying area and have good attendance. We would have liked to have had a larger Bourse, but a commercial show in Baltimore was held at the same time and this cost us quite a few dealers. We did make a small profit and did not lose money as many of the feinthearted thought. Many new faces showed up at this convention and hopefully they will join up with us. Many thanks again to President Jane Datillio and her hard working Carroll County Coin Club who hosted the show.

We also appreciate George Hattie coming from Detroit, at his own expense, to talk at our Awards Breakfast and put in a display. The Awards Breakfast was a sellout and those who missed Geroge's talk really missed a good one. His down to earth personality made a favorable impression on everyone and this type of individual is the kind we like to see as officers of A.N.A.

Plans for our Fall Symposium are now being made. Gerry Kreiner is chairman again this year and is working on getting another outstanding line up of speakers. The date is tentatively set for November 6th, the first Sunday in November. It will again be at the Catonsville Community College.

I recently attended a meeting of the Lexington Park Coin Club and enjoyed being with this enthusiastic group for the evening. I was there at the invitation of our Southern Maryland Representative, Bob Clarke and we again invite this club to join us and take an active part in our activities.

As will appear elsewhere in this bulletin in more detail our membership chairman and former President, Bill Ayres, had a tragic fire that burned his house to the ground. Bill lost all he had in this fire. Fortunately no one was injured, but all of our membership records were lost. Please work with Bill and bear with us until these are straightened out as this will take some time.

We are going to lose our founding father, John Henry to the State of Florida very shortly. He will be greatly missed by all of us in M.S.N.A., but we wish him well in his new home. With this move we have no one in close proximity to our Millersville P.O. Box and are therefore asking all of those who have reason to correspond with M.S.N.A. to use P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219 in the future. This box which has been used for sometime as our convention box is checked almost daily. We will of course maintain our Millersville Box but it will not be picked up anywhere near as often as the one at Sparrows Point.

Our next Convention will be hosted by the Maryland Numismatic Society and will be held April 15th and 16th at the Baltimore Hilton Inn, site of our 1975 and 1976 conventions. Frank Katzen has been appointed Auctioneer and Phil Greenslet, General Chairman for this event.

We would appreciate hearing from the general membership on what you think M.S.N.A. should or should not be doing. This is your association and we would like to hear some comments from the group.

I wish all of you a pleasant summer and look forward to meeting you at the various shows and club meetings around the state.

William A. Long Jr.

REPORT ON MSNA SHOW AND CONVENTION, WESTMINISTER, MD, April 16=17, 1977

The Fifth Annual MSNA Show and Convention held at Westminster was a success by all standards. With an attendance of about 1000 and a net profit of over \$300 (on a show which the MSNA Board had hoped would break even), it was a good convention all around. The bourse, while smaller than in most previous years, drew continued, active buying and most dealers seemed quite pleased. In terms of education, the various educational programs covering U.S. and Canadian tokens, world paper money and U.S. paper money were attended at least as well as in previous years and the breakfast, which drew over 40 paid guests, made money for the first time in years. In addition, the exhibits were numerous and very good as the accompanying list of winners will attest.

As Chairman, I feel that a great deal of appreciation must go to the members both of MSNA and the Carroll County Coin Club, all of whom helped this venture to do very nicely this year. I personally believe that good publicity and well planned advertising can make an MSNA convention a success anywhere in the state and if the date is well chosen and sufficient work is done to assure success.

James G. Hirtle
Convention Chairman

SORRY

By error the photo of our new secretary was omitted. This month we have the picture.

Gerald L. VonKreiner
Maryland Numismatic
Society.



In President Lenz's message there is a note on my personal loss which affects our efficiency. On 6 May 1977 my home was totally gutted by fire and among other things badly damaged were my files on MSNA membership. By luck I had in my car a list of those unpaid members as of 1 April and a copy of our roster. To those members who have not paid we are attaching a notice to this copy. Should I make a mistake and include your among those, even though you have paid your dues for the year, please bear with me, drop me a line and I will correct my notes. Thank you.

Bill
William R. Ayres, Jr.
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June 2, 1977

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Maryland State Numismatic Association was held at Westminster, Maryland on Sunday, April 17, 1977. The following officers and 20 members were present:

William A. Lenz, Jr. - President
Gerald L. Von Kreiner - Secretary
Kenneth D. Baum - Treasurer

President Lenz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting were read. Approval was moved, seconded and passed.

Henry Westphal brought the membership up to date on the latest developments on the Trader's License issue. Some discussion followed.

President Lenz announced that the next Annual Convention will be held on April 15 & 16, 1978 at the Pikesville Hilton Inn, Baltimore, Maryland. The host club will be the Maryland Numismatic Society. There will be an auction in connection with the show and Mr. Frank Katzen has been selected to hold it.

MSNA is now open for bids for the 1979 Convention and Show.

The Convention report for the 1977 Show shall be sent to ANA, Coin World, Numismatic News, etc, by the Show Chairman.

MSNA received the following correspondence:

A letter from the Florida United Numismatists, Inc., requesting our support for Grover C. Criswell's appointment to the position of Director of the U.S. Mint.

A motion to this effect was made, seconded and unanimously approved. President Lenz will handle the correspondence.

Also received was a letter from Mr. Chuck O'Donnell requesting support for his candidacy for the Board of Directors of the ANA.

Motion for support was made, Seconded and unanimously approved. The Secretary will handle the necessary correspondence.

President Lenz announced that Mr. Robert Clarke has accepted the appointment as MSNA representative for Southern Maryland.

We still need a representative for Baltimore = East. Any volunteers, contact Mr. Lenz.

Mr. John Henry gave the report of the Committee on Life Membership. The committee's recommendations were as follows:

A candidate for Life Membership must have been a general member for at least three (3) years and pay the One-time fee according to the following schedule:

Below 50 years of age	\$100.00
50 to 65 years of age	60.00
Over 65 years of age	35.00

A motion to adopt the Committee Report to take effect as of January 1, 1978 was made, seconded and approved.

A motion was made that the Executive Board contact a lawyer to handle the legal affairs of the Association on an as-needed basis and that said lawyer is to be included as a member of the board. The motion was seconded and approved.

A report was made on the non-profit status of the Association for a postal permit.

Bill Ayres gave the report of the Membership committee.

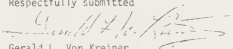
A motion was made that John B. Henry be made a paid-up Life Member of MSNA and the fee be suspended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There was some floor discussion concerning Convention activities for the coming years. Also about how clubs sponsor State Conventions and the possibility of our sponsoring a future ANA Convention.

Jim Hirtle reported that United Parcel Service delivered 1000 raffle books to the wrong place. A lady in Rochester, N.Y. ended up with them and to date they have not been returned to us. The Board is to consider legal action for damages.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Gerald L. Von Kreiner
Secretary

1977 CONVENTION COMMITTEEPERSONS



Left to Right- Henry Westphal, Breakfast Chairman; Jane Datillo, President Carroll County Coin Club; Phil Greenblatt, Exhibit Chairman; John Henry, Founder and Past President of M.S.N.A.; George Hattie of Detroit, Michigan, Awards Breakfast Speaker; Bill Lenz, Bourse Chairman and present President Of M.S.N.A.; and Jim Hirtle, General Show Chairman.

MORGAN DOLLAR ERRORS AND THEIR CAUSES

by

Leroy C. Van Allen
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I would like to welcome each and every one of you to the Maryland State Numismatic Association fifth annual Educational Seminar. It gives me great pleasure to share with you the discoveries of hundreds of collectors across the country on all types of Morgan dollar errors. Through this collective (literal and figuratively) effort the number of catalogued errors and die varieties of Morgan dollars has grown from about fifty in the 1963 pamphlet by Klaes to over one-thousand in the current edition of the Van Allen-Mallis dollar book. This afternoon I would like to show you some of the more interesting Morgan dollar errors and point out their likely causes.

Morgan dollar errors can be classified by the Planchet-Die-Striking error identification system developed by Alan Herbert in his book "The Official Guide to Mint Errors".

Planchet Errors - Any error occurring during preparation of the planchet.

Die Errors - Any error on dies that shows up on the coins.

Striking Errors - Any error occurring during the striking of the coin.

Errors are usually defined as un-intentional deviations from the normal coin design. I prefer to use a broader definition of any deviation from the normal or correct coin design. This includes not only careless and clumsy workmanship such as doubled dies but also intentional die changes such as overdates.

Planchet Errors

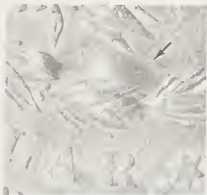
For the Morgan dollar planchet errors include occluded gas, small clips, laminations, and split planchets. Very few of these types of errors are known for the Morgan dollar since there were many hand operations in the production of planchets in the late 1800's. After the planchets were punched from the silver strips the perfect ones were separated from the defective ones by hand at selecting tables. Each planchet was weighed individually and heavy planchets were filed by hand until reduced to within the weight limits of 1.5 grains above or below the standard of 412.5 grains. The planchets were hand fed into the coin presses. Then the coins were taken to a reviewing room where they were inspected for flaws and counted by hand into piles of ten each.

Occluded gas planchets were caused by gas being trapped in the silver ingots when they were cast. During the subsequent rolling operations the gas remained trapped in the strip near the surface. After being struck, the pressure of the gas caused the thin metal to raise on the surface of the coin producing a bump.

Clips were due to the punch overlapping a previously punched hole in the silver strip. Only a few small clips are known for the Morgan dollar because of the many hand inspections.

Laminations were caused by foreign material trapped in the silver ingots producing thin layers of metal that separated from the silver strip after rolling operations. These layers may break off after the coin has been struck causing depressed areas without any parts of the coin design.

PLANCHET ERRORS



1879 S
OCCLUDED GAS



1921 P
SMALL CLIP



1887 O
LAMINATE



1921 S
SPLIT COIN

Split planchets are related to laminations except that the foreign material of slag or dirt is in a layer deep within the planchet. This defective streak can open up when the coin is struck or during circulation in later years causing a split coin.

Die Errors

The Morgan dollar has many examples of die errors in the broad sense of the definition. The design of the Morgan dollar had sharp detail with square edges on the letters and fine lines in the devices. This made it harder to produce working dies that did not have doubling in comparison to modern dies with more rounded design. Also, its large size and the many difficulties experienced in perfecting the die technology and design in the early years of production contributed to accidental or intentional die errors.

Some of the more spectacular types of Morgan die errors are: special engraving marks, large die breaks, doubled dies, dual hub dies, mispositioned dates and mint marks, doubled dates and mint marks, overdates, dual mint marks, clashed dies, die gouges, and overpolished dies.

Engraving marks are unique marks put on a die by the engraver. During 1878 when the Morgan design was first introduced much difficulty was experienced in the preparation of the initial dies. The design was too high in relief and the basining or polishing of the die field was not performed satisfactorily. As a result, portions of the design were often polished off the die. The engraver attempted to correct this by touching up these areas of missing design with engraving tools. This is apparent on the eagle where small feathers were added to the lower portion of the wings for the eight tail feather design and in the center of the wings for one of the 1878 S dies. In fact, of the first shipment of 10 pairs of Morgan dollar dies shipped to the San Francisco mint in April 1878, eight reverse and three obverse dies were condemned by that mint as unfit to strike coins.

Small die breaks, cracks, and chips are common on Morgan dollars since they were inevitable as the dies wore out. They would be unique with each die. Die chips were frequent within the date digits and mint marks as well as hairline cracks around the lettering. Really large breaks visible with the naked eye were not that frequent, however, because of the visual inspections of the coins as the presses struck them and the later visual inspection in the reviewing room.

Doubled dies were caused by misalignment between one of the seven to ten blows of a hub in making a working die. The Morgan dollar dies were carefully inspected between each hub blow. As a result, doubled dies are quite scarce for the Morgan dollar. Two of the more spectacular Morgan dollar doubled dies are the 1888 O with doubled lips, nose, and chin and the 1901 P with doubled lower portion of the eagle and the arrows. Since the outer portions of these dies were not doubled the doubling must have occurred just before the last one or two blows of the hub.

Dual hub dies resulted when a die made from one hub design was later reimpresed with a hub of a different design type. This caused doubling of the design of various degrees on the working die. The three types of dual hub dies known for the Morgan dollar were all made during 1878. Three different types of obverse and reverse designs were used that year with several minor variations for each reverse type and one obverse type. Due to the time pressures of producing dies and coins in early 1878, some of the working dies were reimpresed by later design type hubs. It was a deliberate modification of the old dies to produce better working dies as quickly as possible without going through the lengthy process of making new dies.

DIE ERRORS



1878 S
ENGRAVING MARKS



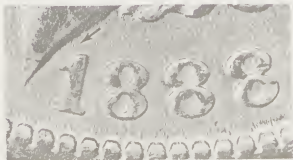
1880 P
DIE BREAK



1888 O
DOUBLED
HEAD



1878 P
7/8 TAILFEATHERS



1888 P
VERY NEAR DATE



1892 CC
DROPPED C

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

RIGHT: PRESIDENT LENZ
PRESENTS PAST PRESIDENT
BILL AYRES WITH THE
SILVER PAST PRESIDENTS
MEDAL.



LEFT: GEORGE HATTIE AND
WALT WHEELER BY THEIR
AWARD WINNING EXHIBITS.

RIGHT: COURSE DEALERS MP.
& MRS. GEORGE MURRAY OF
WILSON, N.C. SEEN TO BE
WELL PLEASED WITH THE WAY
SALES ARE GOING AT THE
CONVENTION.



THE SELLOUT SUNDAY AWARDS BREAKFAST AT BAUGHER'S RESTAURANT

EXHIBIT PLACINGS FROM OUR 1977 CONVENTION

JUNIOR DIVISION;	1st Place	John Greenslet	"The First Official Coinage of the British Virgin Islands"
	2nd Place	Jeffrey Lawrence	"Japanese Invasion Money of Malaya"
BEST IN SHOW; Sponsored by the Tom Mercer Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation			"Commemorative Coins of Austria"
SENIOR DIVISION;			
UNITED STATES COINS;			
	1st Place	John M Foreman	"United States Cents Featuring Large Cents"
	2nd Place	Douglas & Perry Crowl	"Selection of US Proof and Mint Sets"
FOREIGN COINS;	1st Place	Millard Hajek	"A Selection of Ships on Coins"
	2nd Place	Thomas Newman	"Mongolian Coins of 1945"
MEDALS;	1st Place	Phil W. Greenslet	"The Way of the Cross"
PAPER MONEY;	1st Place	Raymond Jones	"Official German Inflation Notes of 1919-1923"
	2nd Place	George Hatie	"Selections of Colonial Currency"
MISCELLANEOUS;	1st Place	Stanley Brown	"Round & Oblong Wood Medals of Centennial Exposition 1876"
	2nd Place	A. Vernon Taylor	"Souvenirs of the 85th Anniversary Convention of the ANA"

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CONVENTION NOTES 1979

Negotiations are under way to have the Prince Georges County Coin Club host our 1979 convention. If agreement is reached it will most probably be held at the Sheridan Motor Inn, Rt 450 and the Capitol Beltway (Exit 30W)

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CLUB NEWS

Baltimore Coin Club elected the following officers for 1977-78 at their april meeting

President	Robert Harden
Vice President	Richard Burke
Treasurer	Ed Schmidbauer
Secretary	Al Strati
Sgt at Arms	Harold Jones

On March 18 Baltimore Coin Club held a Past President's Night at the Hilltop Inn in Woodlawn. All living past president's of Baltimore Coin Club were awarded a sterling silver medal with the club seal on one side and the past presidnets name and date in office on the other.

Prince George's County Coin Club - Officers for 1977

	President	Harry Lebowitz
	1st Vice President	Ed Fox
	2nd Vice President	James Besley
	Treasurer	Wayne Wilcox
	Secretary	Robert H. Colcock
Directors:	Charles Wirth	Kenneth Campbell
	Dennis Webb	Joseph Clarke

Several of our clubs have held picnics this summer. The ones who have informed us they follow this practice are Kent Coin Club, Bel Mar Coin Club and the Harford Coin Huskers. These clubs have a great deal of fun at these gatherings - maybe some others might find this a new way to enjoy their collecting.

Kent Coin Club will hold their show at Sheraton Inn, Dover, Delaware, 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday, September 25, 1977. Show Chairman - Dr Terry Bryan.

Perry Hall Coin Club - A program of talks given by the members of the club has proven to be informative and interesting. Members of our association are invited to attend.

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CORRECTION

On page 4 of the July 1977 issue the minutes of our 1977
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This should have read "5th Annual General Meeting."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We would like to invite all members, families and friends of M.S.N.A. to attend our Annual Seminar on Sunday, November 6th, 1 to 4 P.M. at the Catonsville Community College. We, as of this writing, have lined up Mr. Chuck O'Donnell of Williamstown, New Jersey who will be speaking on U.S. Currency and Mr. Richard Jannace from The Bureau of Engraving and Printing who will address us on currency manufacturing as well as the future of the dollar and two dollar bills. In addition there will be door prizes and refreshments. There is no admission charge and we hope you can attend this outstanding event.

We wish to thank Moses Moore for the use of his home and hospitality for our July Executive Board Meeting. This meeting on the shore was one of our best attended and we encourage more clubs to send a representative to these meetings so you can have a voice in M.S.N.A. affairs.

It was our pleasure to attend the recent Carroll County Coin Club's Show at the Reese Fire Hall and I enjoyed the many outstanding exhibits displayed. Hopefully we can get to more shows around the state in the coming fall and winter.

The 1978 Convention to be held April 15th and 16th at The Hilton Inn in Baltimore is shaping up well. General Show Chairman Phil Greenslet has things well in hand. Contracts for Bourse tables should be in the mail about the time of the Seminar.

The Prince Georges County Coin Club has submitted a bid for the 1979 Convention. The board has granted them sponsorship of this Convention and is currently negotiating with the Sheraton Inn at New Carrollton for use of their facilities. This will be our first three day convention and our largest to date by far. The tentative date is April 20, 21, 22 1979. If anyone knows of any conflict with other shows on these dates please contact us at once to avoid any problems.

I once again extend an invitation for the general membership to let us know what goals you think M. S. N. A. should be working toward. We have had several good ideas recently and they were appreciated.

I again am looking forward to seeing everyone on November 6th at the Catonsville Community College.

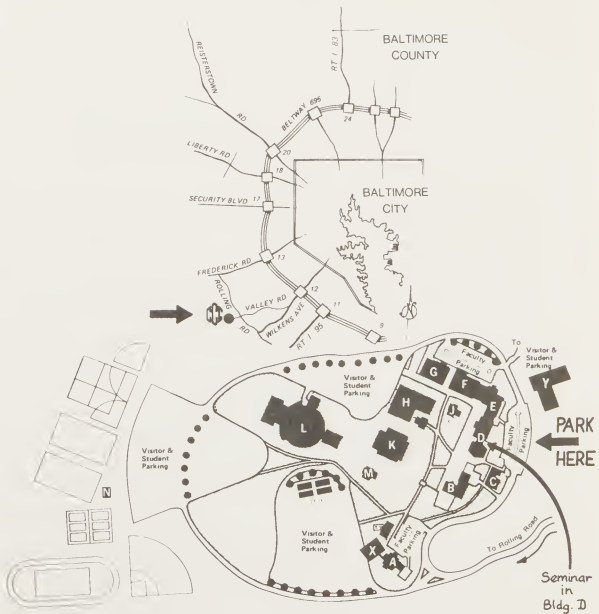
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- Y HUMANITIES CLASSROOM BUILDING
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Our annual educational seminar will be held at the Catonsville Community College on Sunday, November 6, 1977, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We wish we could name all of our speakers but we only have only one lined up at this time, Mr. Charles J. "Chuck" O'Donnell. We have some tentative commitments but hesitate to name them until they are definite. There will be excellent company, refreshments and two door prizes (I know one of these will be a foreign gold piece). Don't miss it. See detailed map on how to get there on facing page..

Charles J. "Chuck" O'Donnell
P. O. Box A, Williamstown, N.J. 08094

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1914 and attended public and parochial schools of that city. Graduated from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta in 1937, admitted to practice in Georgia in June 1937. After two years of private law practice accepted a position with the Georgia Department of Labor. In 1941 entered the Federal Civilian Service with the Department of the Army and retired from government service in 1969. Two-year stint in the Navy during WWII resulted in an honorable discharge in 1946. Privileged to serve as an American adviser to the Greek National Army during the communist uprising in Greece, 1947-52.

Started collecting while a youngster and has collected coins, tokens and medals for most of 40 years. Started collecting paper money about 1963 and has become an avid researcher. Has authored — first as co-author — the *Standard Handbook of Modern U.S. Paper Money*, now in its 6th edition. Donated copies to the ANA library.

Active member in ANS, the Belgian, Italian and France Numismatic Societies, Atlanta Coin Club, Garden State Numismatic Assn., DCTSC Coin Club, Currency Club of Chester County, and life member of ANA. Board member of Society of Paper Money Collectors, past board member of Paper Money Collectors of Michigan and proud member of the Numismatic Literary Guild.

With four children married and settled in the Williamstown area, O'Donnell and his wife "Pat" expect to make South Jersey their permanent home.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new member club — **LEXINGTON PARK COIN CLUB**. Bob Clarke, a former member of Carroll County Coin Club and our area rep from Southern Maryland, calls this club his own these days.

Welcome to new member #389 — **Harry Lebowitz**. Harry is the current president of Prince George's County Coin Club and has been an active force in having them host] our 1979 convention.

Welcome to new member #390 — **Mae Clark**. Mae is a well known worker in numismatics from the Washington Area.

Welcome also to #391 — **Michael L. Metcalf** who is a member of the Catonsville Coin Club.



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The Executive Board of the Maryland State Numismatic Association met at the home of Moses D. Moore in Cambridge, Maryland on Sunday, July 24, 1977. In attendance were:

William A. Lenz, Jr. - President
Gerald L. von Kreiner - Secretary
John B. Henry - Founder and Past President
Henry K. Westphal - Past President
William R. Ayres, Jr. - Past President
Eldred L. Bounds - Area Rep.- Eastern Shore
James G. Hirtle - Carroll County Coin Club
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Howard Thomas - Salisbury Coin Club
Robert L. Kraft - Somerset Coin Club
Harry Lebowitz - Prince Georges County Coin Club
Susan Lebowitz - Prince Georges County Coin Club

President Lenz called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Exhibits Chairman for the 1977 Convention submitted his report and this will be covered in the Maryland Numismatist.

Bill Lenz read a letter received from Mr. George Hatie (attached) and reported on our new P.O. Box.

The subject of show cases and storage was brought up again. After much discussion it is the feeling of the Committee that we purchase at least ten (10) more cases as had been approved last year.

The General Chairman for the 1978 Convention submitted his report (attached).

The Committee discussed the possibility of utilizing Earl Blaisdal's Computer Mailing System as a means of advertising future shows. This will be investigated further.

Gerald L. von Kreiner reported on the Educational Seminar. It will be held on Sunday, November 6, 1977 at the Catonsville Community College from 1 till 4. The Speakers have not yet been finalized.

Mr. von Kreiner also provided the President with the Map of Maryland Clubs for a possible redrawing of Area Representatives Districts.

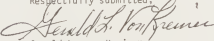
Mr. Harry Lebowitz, President of the Prince Georges County Coin Club indicated that the Club was interested in hosting the 1979 Convention and reported on their capabilities. This will be finalized at their next meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 1977.

Jonh Henry moved that the Executive Committee approve the Prince Georges County Coin Club being the Host Club for the 1979 Convention, provided that the Club's Executive Committee desires to do so. The motion was seconded by Gerald von Kreiner. After brief discussion, the motion was passed.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Sunday, September 11, 1977 at the Mt. Calvary Church, 800 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald L. von Kreiner,
Secretary

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CONVENTION NOTES - 1979

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CONVENTION NOTES - 1980

????????? No we don't have a host club yet but we're looking for one. Any club of MSNA is eligible but remember - it must be held in the Metropolitan Baltimore Area. How about your club?

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SCHEDULED COIN SHOWS

Sunday - November 6, 1977 - Middle River Coin Club - Compass Road and Martin Blvd, Baltimore, Maryland

Sunday - April 30, 1978 - Associated Coin Clubs American Legion Hall, Putty Hill Ave and Old Harford Road, Parkville, Md.

***** Send us your show dates as soon as you have them so we can include them.

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WANTED - HOME

For friendly display cases of MSNA. We need someplace to store our cases and light cords between shows. We need some kind hearted collector who will take them into his cellar, attic, or what have you, between shows. Contact any of our officers.

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The next meeting of the executive board of MSNA will be held at Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, 800 N. Eutaw St, Baltimore, on Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 p.m. Any member of the association who wishes to see how it operates is welcome to intend. Please see that your club sends a representative - this is the only way to get your message to the board. It is your voice in the running of the association. USE IT.

As many of you may know Armand Shank has been working in concert with John B. Henry to produce a book on paper money issued in the state of Maryland. Those of you who work with or have studied this field know what a tremendous task it is to compile all of the data and find samples of all of the bills printed. If you have any information or bills which you feel may be of assistance to them would you contact Armand at P.O. Box 233, Lutherville, Md, 21093.

Leroy C. Van Allen and George Mallis have written a book on Morgan Dollar Errors which contains much more information than that given in Roy's talk at the MSNA seminar and reprinted in this bulletin. This book, if not available at local book stores can be obtained from FCI Press, Inc., 200 I. U. Willets Road, Albertson, New York, 11507 for \$19.50 (postpaid).

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS: Send us any information about your club you would like to see printed and we will see about getting it in bulletin. If you like you can send a copy of your bulletin or whatever and we will work from that. Remember, if we don't hear from you we can't pass it on to the rest of our members.

TWO LATE ITEMS WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED: Colonial Coin Club will be the guests of the Baltimore Coin Club at their October 20th meeting.

Bill Lenz reports he is almost positive we will have Mr. Richard Jannace from Bureau of Engraving and Printing to speak on Currency Manufacturing and the Future of the One Dollar and Two Dollar Bills at our Fall Seminar in November.

AND AT THE LAST MINUTE as I was preparing to go to the printer Bill Lenz got word of two more important items: Western Maryland Coin Club will hold their fall show at the Fort Cumberland Hotel, Cumberland, Md, on November 12 and 13, 1977. 11:00am to 6:00 pm on Saturday 12th and Noon to 5:00 pm on the 13th. Free admission and door prizes every half hour.

Breger Gutman will be holding a Stamp & Coin Show at their store at Lexington St and Park Ave, Balto, Md on December 10th. We understand they will give free space to amateur collectors. For more information contact Mr. Donald Stoloenmaier, Display Manager or Mr. Stephen Pound, Personnel Director on 685-2822 by the 22nd of October.

To All Clubs: Please send us word on your shows and other special events as soon as you have a date. If it's not firm, send us a tentative date. That way we can publish what you are planning and let other clubs know also. If we don't hear it we can't print it.

In the July issue of our bulletin we printed the first part of an article by Leroy C. Van Allen entitled "MORGAN DOLLAR ERRORS AND THEIR CAUSES." This material was originally presented to the membership of MSNA at our Seminar in November 1976. Through Roy's great kindness we are able to reproduce this great article for those of you who were unable to attend the seminar. We now give you the conclusion of

MORGAN DOLLAR ERROR AND THEIR CAUSES

by Leroy C. Van Allen

The well known seven over eight tail feather 1878-P reverse was caused when the first reverse design type dies with eight tail feathers on the eagle was re-impressed with the second reverse design type hub with seven tail feathers. Some dies were also re-impressed with the second obverse design type hub that caused doubling of some stars and the word LIBERTY. There are 38 dies known of this dual hub variety. In addition, the earlier eight tail feather reverse design type dies were re-impressed with a slightly lower relief eight tail feather reverse design type hub that caused doubling of the eagle's beak and the arrow shafts. Five dies of this dual hub variety are known.

Mis-positioned dates resulted in the position of the dates being left or right, high or low, or slanting in relation to the normal position. Since the dates were punched by hand into each Morgan Dollar working die any human error in positioning the date punch over the die would result in mis-positioned dates. These errors are fairly common.

A related error is mispositioned mint marks. These were also punched into the working dies by hand. Human errors have produced high and low, left and right, and tilted mint marks from the normal position in the center of the area between the D and O in DOLLAR and the bottom of the wreath. Again these are fairly common errors for the Morgan Dollar.

Doubled dates are the commonest Morgan die varieties or errors from a normal coin design. The date digits were of sharp raised design with square edges. As a result, any slight shift in the register of the date punch between the several blows needed to impress the date into the die would produce doubling. Hundreds of doubled dates of the Morgan dollar are known - ranging from micro doubling that requires a strong magnifying glass for detection to large doubling visible to the naked eye such as the 1887-O with doubled 1 and tripled 7.

Doubled mint marks are also fairly common because they too were punched in by hand and the letters were of sharp raised design. Many micro doubled mint marks are known that are detectable only with a magnifying glass. There are a few doubled mint marks visible to the naked eye such as the 1882-O VAM 7 and 1895-S VAM 3.

Overdates with a later date digit punched over a previous year digit in a working die are known for two years of the Morgan dollar series. They were produced as a matter of expediency. Presumably the Philadelphia mint was short of working dies and the engraver punched in new date digits over the old date in working dies left over from the previous year. A number of 1880 80/79 overdates were discovered during 1964 to 1967 and additional ones were recently discovered in 1976. A total of nine types are presently known for 1880-P, four for the 1880-CC, five for the 1880-O and four for the 1880-S. The 1887 overdates were discovered in 1972 and early 1973. One of each type is known.

Dual mint marks are defined as a different design mint mark repunched over the original one. The later mint mark can be of the same branch mint or a different one. In 1879 the size of the Carson City mint mark was made larger. One die of this year, however, shows a large CC over the smaller CC used during the previous year with crude attempts to obliterate the original mint mark. A recently discovered (1974) 1900-S dual mint mark has a narrow S over a wide S. Five different 1882-O/S dual mint marks are known. Six different 1900-O O/CC die varieties are known. Although the Carson City mint stopped striking coins in 1893 it was not until 1899 that its status was changed to an assay office. Then it's coining presses, remaining dies and associated equipment were shipped to the Philadelphia mint. A few months later the Philadelphia Mint modified some of the Carson City reverse dies; presumably because of a shortage of available working dies.

Clashed dies were caused when the dies came together without a planchet between them. This transferred some of the design from one die to the other. It was a very common error for Morgan dollars. In most cases it is of very little interest for collectors, however in a few instances, the E of LIBERTY on the obverse die was transferred to the reverse die below the eagle's tail feathers. A full E shows on the 1886-O, 1889-O and 1891-O. Partial E's have been found for six other dates.

The careless handling of dies can produce scratches and gouges in them. A few long scratches or deep gouges are of interest to collectors. One of the better known Morgan dollar errors of this type is the 1890-CC tail bar with a large gouge extending down from the eagle's tail feathers.

STRIKING ERRORS



DIE PRESSURE
ADJUSTMENT



19040
MISALIGNED DIE



1878S
PARTIAL COLLAR



OFF-CENTER
STRIKE



BROADSTRIKE AND
DOUBLE STRIKE



1884 P
TRIPLE STRIKE



1921P
STRIKE THROUGH



1888S
STRIKE DOUBLING

DIE ERRORS



1887 O
DOUBLED DATE



1882 O
DOUBLED
MINT MARK



1880 CC
80/79 OVERDATE



1900 O
O/CC DUAL
MINT MARK



1891 O
CLASHED DIE



1890 CC
DIE GOUGE



1878 P
OVERPOLISHED DIE

Overpolished dies were due to an abnormal basining (polishing and producing a certain radii of the field) of the die. This resulted in portions of the die design being polished away, such as some of the hair and bridge of the nose in the Liberty head on the obverse and some of the wing feathers of the eagle on the reverse. Such errors were not uncommon for 1878 coins but are very rare for later years of the Morgan dollar series.

STRIKING ERRORS

There are not many striking errors known of Morgan dollars because of the individual inspections performed on the coins at that time. The exceptions are struck through strikes and strike doubling. Some of the more uncommon Morgan dollar striking errors of general interest are die pressure adjustment pieces, misaligned dies, partial collars, broadstrikes, off-center strikes and multiple strikes.

Die pressure adjustment pieces show missing portions of the design to various degrees. These were caused as the coin presses were initially adjusted to strike the dollar. The force of the press was increased gradually over a number of coin pieces until the die design was brought out satisfactorily on the coins. Normally these die pressure adjustment pieces were returned for remelting as defective coins but some apparently slipped out for circulation.

Several other errors can occur due to improper adjustment of the dies in the coin presses. If the obverse and reverse dies were not centered with respect to each other, then the resulting coins would show one of the sides off-center. Slightly off-center designs are fairly common. In addition, if the obverse and reverse dies were not positioned upside down with respect to each other then a rotated die coin resulted. Rotations of five to ten degrees are fairly common but large rotations of 45 degrees or more are very scarce for Morgan dollars.

Partial collar coins were produced when the collar did not completely surround the coin when it was struck by the obverse and reverse dies. The resulting coins show reeding on only part of the coin edge. Each partial collar coin is unique and they are fairly scarce for the Morgan dollar series.

If a coin was struck centered but entirely out of the collar then a broadstrike would occur. Such a coin does not show any edge reeding and has a larger diameter than normal because the collar did not restrain the expansion of the metal sideways. Broadstruck Morgan dollars are extremely rare.

Off-center strikes are coins struck once outside the collar and at least ten percent off-center. If a planchet that had not had its edges raised in the milling (upsetting) machine got into a coin press its larger than normal diameter would not allow it to fit inside the collar. It would then be struck outside of the collar; most likely in an off-center position. A number of off-center strikes are known for the Morgan dollar but they are very scarce.

Multiple strikes occurred when a coin was not ejected from the coin press after the first strike and was struck a second or more times. These errors are also exceedingly rare.

Struck through strikes occurred when foreign objects got between the planchet and the dies during striking. This produced foreign objects like wires imbedded into the coin or weak areas of the coin design where it was struck through a thin piece of material such as cloth or silver shavings. The last type of struck through strike was not uncommon for Morgan dollars.

Strike doubling of the reverse of the Morgan dollar was a very common occurrence. It produced a regular doubling appearance across parts of the coin design with a flat and shiny top outline just to the side of the design. The cause of the strike doubling was a slight sideways movement of the reverse die when it rose to push a tightly wedged coin out of the collar. Pressure from the reverse die on the coin during this ejection caused some of the reverse die design to again be transferred to the coin slightly out of register with the original striking. Because this type of error is so common for the Morgan dollar it is of relatively little interest to the collector.

DUES NOTICE 1978 & Ballot 1978

Attached to this issue are two separate items - 1 is your dues notice for 1978 and the other is your ballot for officers for 1978. Last year they were both on the same form and some clubs and individuals mailed their Ballot and overlooked the dues notice. Then they complained they hadn't received the dues notice.

The nominating committee selected the individuals shown on the ballot as being their choices to serve in office for 1978. We feel this is a fine slate of officers however should you disagree fill in your choice on the line provided.

Since I am serving as Chairman of both the Membership Committee and the 1978 Nominating Committee you may send both to me in the same envelope if you so desire.

Bill
William R. Ayres, Jr.
Chairman of Committees

+++++ CLUB HISTORY

We would like to have the history of any of our clubs to be published in the bulletin. If you have someone in your club who can write up the history and send it to us we will take it from there. It's your association - why don't you let the other clubs know your story.

+++++ CLUB NEWS

Al Younger, MSNA Member 220, President of Harford Coin Huskers and member of Perry Hall Coin Club died on 8 August 1977, after a brief illness. Al, who was a very active member of the local clubs will be much missed by those who knew and worked with him.

Bel Mar Coin Club is holding a special raffle at their November meeting which consists of a \$2.50 gold piece and 3 unc silver dollars. Chances are 3 for \$1 and can be procured from members of the club or by attending the November meeting at the Bel Air Bowl, Route 1, just south of Bel Air, Maryland, 1:30 p.m., Sunday 20 November 1977.

Kent Coin Club reports their members have been doing well in exhibiting. A few of their achievements as they list them:

Paul Johnson - Newmarket (Ontario Canada) Best in Show, first in paper money and first in Canadian decimal coins.

- Welland (Ontario Canada) Best in show.

- Indiana State N.A. Convention - Best in show.

Stan Clute - Newmarket (Ontario Canada) First in World coins.

- Woodville (Ontario Canada) Best in show and first in foreign coins.

Tom Mercer - Metro Washington Show First in foreign coins.

Phil Greenslet - Metro Washington Show First in medals.

Steve Taylor - "Land of the Sky", Ashville, N.C., Best in show.

Congratulations to Kent Coin Club and it's very active members.

That's quite an achievement.

By the time this is printed Baltimore Coin Club's delegation to the Hanover Coin Club on Tuesday, October 4th will be old history. Maybe they will send us a report for the next issue.



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